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SUBJECT: ORGANIZING FOR MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY - MALI

REF: STATE 148782

1. WE WARMLY ENDORSE OBJECTIVES OUTLINED IN REFTTEL. OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH MALI IS STRONGLY INFLUENCED BY MALI'S POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES--SOMETHING THE MALIANS TEND TO IGNORE.

2. TO BE EFFECTIVE IN BAMA KO WE NEED ADEQUATE LEAD TIME, GOOD INFORMATION, AND THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR POSITION ON THE ISSUES. WE MUST HAVE THESE DOCUMENTS IN FRENCH. OUR LOCAL TRANSLATION CAPABILITY IS LIMITED AND NOT SECURE. WITHOUT TIMELY FRENCH TRANSLATIONS OF KEY PAPERS, WE CANNOT MAKE EFFECTIVE DEMARCHES.

3. IN 1976 THE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS RESULTS IN THE ASSIGNMENT OF A NEW MALIAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON HIS PREDECESSOR, WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOTH WASHINGTON AND THE UN, IS NOW LIMITED TO HIS UN PERM REP DUTIES. HE IS CONSISTENTLY HOSTILE TO US INTERESTS. THE NEW AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, IBRAHIMA SIMA, IS MORE REASONABLE AND HAS TIES WITH QN EQUALLY MORE REASONABLE ELEMENT WITHIN THE MALIAN GOVERNMENT.
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WHEN THE EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE A DEMARCHE IN BAMA KO ON KEY ISSUES--PUERTO RICA, KOREA--WE RECOMMEND THAT AMBASSADOR SIMA BE CALLED IN AND GIVEN THE SAME EXPLANATION OF OUR POSITION WITH THE REQUEST THAT HE CONVEY IT TO HIS GOVERNMENT IN BAMA KO.

4. REGARDING PUERTO RICO, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE

INSTRUCTIONS SOON. WE NEED INFORMATION IN FRENCH ON
THE ELECTION RESULTS, THE STANDS OF THE VARIOUS PARTIES,
AND A CURRENT ADMINISTRATION STATEMENT ON THE STATEHOOD
QUESTION.
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